

SUNCOOK YOUTH SOCCER
Youth and Amateur Divisions
Affiliated with USYSA, USASA, USSF and FIFA

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RESTATED ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE

1.1 NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Suncook Youth Soccer. This Organization shall be known as Suncook Youth Soccer, a non-profit corporation hereafter referred to as SYS.

1.2 OBJECTIVES

To provide the youth of Pembroke, Allenstown, and surrounding communities in New Hampshire the opportunity to play soccer.

We provide an opportunity for athletes to play soccer at both recreational and competitive levels.

We are committed to an environment that emphasizes the ideals of good sportsmanship and fair play together with the importance of development and growth of our players and coaches at both the individual and team levels.

We promote goodwill through physical fitness and strive to instill the value of teamwork, good sportsmanship, integrity, confidence, self-esteem, and a healthy perspective on winning and losing in all of our athletes.

We provide a welcoming, fun, safe, respectful, supportive, and enriching environment to all players, parents, coaches, officials, and spectators who participate in and support our program.

ARTICLE II AFFILIATIONS

2.1 PRIMARY AFFILIATIONS

This Organization shall be an affiliate of and comply with New Hampshire Soccer Association.

2.2 FEDERATION PRECEDENCE

- a.) The NHSA articles of incorporation, bylaws, policies, and requirements take precedence over and supersede the governing documents and decisions of the SYS and its members to the extent applicable under state law, and the SYS will abide by those articles, bylaws, policies, and requirements of NHSA.
- b.) The SYS will not join any organization that has requirements that conflict with the NHSA's articles, bylaws, policies and requirements.

2.3 INTERPLAY

SYS and its members shall not discriminate against the participation of players or teams on the basis of that player or team's membership in, or affiliation with, another organization. Members are encouraged to allow teams of all other NHSA members to participate in tournaments sponsored by SYS or any of its members when the teams otherwise comply with the tournament eligibility requirements.

ARTICLE III DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The SYS and its members are committed to a policy of equal opportunity for its players, coaches and officials which prohibits discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.

ARTICLE IV AUTHORITIES

4.1 GOVERNING AUTHORITY

The governing authority of SYS shall be a Board of Directors to be known as SYS and shall be governed by its' Articles of Agreement, Bylaws, FIFA & SYS Rules, and Codes of Conduct so long as they are consistent with those of the NHSA. Executive Board whose power and authority shall be designated by the Bylaws.

4.2 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Suncook Youth Soccer shall have a Board of Directors selected through an open and democratic process which will have the following structure:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Registrar
Rec Divisions Director
Travel Divisions Director
Equipment Coordinator
Field Maintenance Coordinator
Officials Coordinator
Events & Programs Coordinator
Sponsorship Coordinator

4.3 DIVISIONS

The Organization includes the following divisions for play of soccer:

- a.) Recreational division called Suncook Youth Soccer (SYS)
- b.) Competitive division called Suncook Spartans

These shall be the only Articles of Agreement for the above-mentioned divisions.

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1** Membership of SYS shall be open to any soccer: players, coaches, parents/guardians, board members, trainers, managers, administrators, life members, and officials not subject to suspension under Section 4 of Bylaws 241 of the USSF and to any amateur soccer organization in its territory.
- 5.2** Membership in SYS shall be individuals, leagues, and clubs that pay the appropriate registration fees and meet the requirements as defined in the Bylaws.
- 5.3** SYS shall not issue capital stock or membership certificates.

ARTICLE VI ANNUAL MEETING

- 6.1** The Annual General Meeting of the Organization shall be held in a location decided by the Executive Board.
- 6.2** The Annual Meeting of SYS's membership shall be held not later than February 1st. Notification to all affiliated voting members shall be made at least 10 days prior to the annual meeting. At this meeting, a summary of the activities of the Organization, all actions and policies adopted by the Executive Board and a Treasurer's report shall be reported to the membership.
- 6.3** Unless temporarily modified by action of the Executive Board, the order of business for the Annual General Meeting shall be:
 - a) Roll Call
 - b) Minutes of previous meeting
 - c) Treasurer's report
 - d) Unfinished business and communication
 - e) Reports of committees
 - f) Rules changes
 - g) New business and communications
 - h) Good of soccer
 - i) Election of officers
 - j) Date of next meeting
 - k) Adjournment

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

- 7.1** Amendments to the Articles of Agreement, Bylaws, FIFA & SYS Rules and Codes of Conduct shall be made only with the Board of Directors.
- 7.2** The Articles of Agreement, Bylaws, FIFA & SYS Rules and Codes of Conduct may be amended or repealed by an affirmative vote of two thirds of the votes cast by voting members present or represented by proxy.

ARTICLE VIII DISSOLUTION

In the event that SYS dissolves or becomes defunct, all assets remaining after payment of debts and obligations shall be evenly distributed to Suncook Youth Sports non-profit organizations that have established their tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the United State Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE IX CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Any possible conflict of interest on the part of any member of the Board shall be disclosed in writing to the Board and made a matter of record through an annual procedure and also when the interest involves a specific issue before the Board.

Where the transaction involving a board member, trustee or officer exceeds five hundred dollars (\$500) but is less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) in a fiscal year, a two-thirds vote of the disinterested directors is required. Where the transaction involved exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000) in a fiscal year, then a two-thirds vote of the disinterested directors and publication in the required newspaper is required. The minutes of the meeting shall reflect that a disclosure was made, the abstention from voting and the actual vote itself. Every new member of the Board will be advised of this policy upon entering the duties of his or her office and shall sign a statement acknowledging, understanding of and agreement to this policy. The Board will comply with all requirements of New Hampshire law in this area and the New Hampshire requirements are incorporated into and made a part of this policy statement.